

Madam Speaker, liberals realize the trouble the White House and the DNC are getting into, and they know they have been sold out. The liberals do not want campaign finance reform, they want to change the subject.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Madam Speaker, a bipartisan group of freshmen legislators have crafted a campaign finance reform bill that can pass with strong support from Members on both sides of the aisle.

This is not a radical measure. It is incremental and focuses exclusively on areas of consensus between Republicans and Democrats. No partisan poison pills were included in the bill.

I urge the leadership to bring a measure up that appeals to both sides like this one, not a bill loaded with partisan politics. Madam Speaker, the American people want to see reform, not political games on this floor. It is time to bring up campaign finance reform measures that address the issues we all agree on.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, when the White House was having organized fundraising events in the Lincoln bedroom for Democrat fundraising purposes, when it was raised by Republicans, Democrats said, "You are being partisan."

When the Vice President of the United States raised thousands and thousands of dollars in a Buddhist temple from Buddhist monks and nuns, who had to take vows of poverty but they came up with \$5,000 each, we were called antireligious.

Now, because of some very questionable voting tactics in the California race, we are being dragged into this thing on a race count. You know, fair elections are not the domain of the party that lost, it belongs to everybody, Democrats and Republicans. We have a situation here where files have been subpoenaed.

The legislation that we are having to pass today, which I hope all the Democrats join us in voting for, simply says give us the files so we can get to the bottom of this. We want to know whether it is fair or not, because it is not a Democrat or Republican issue.

OUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY IS UNDER ATTACK

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FURSE. Madam Speaker, as an immigrant, as a Member of Congress,

as one who won her second race by a very small minority, I want to say that I am appalled that new voters, and especially voters who have Hispanic surnames, are being targeted by the attacks on the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ].

All of us, all of us, our right to privacy, is under attack; and this attack is coming from a man who was not allowed to serve on this floor, Bob Dornan. It is time that the choice of the voters be honored. We who represent the people of our district must reject this attack on our democratic election process. We must reject this resolution. We must support what the voters supported, the election of the gentlewoman from California [Ms. SANCHEZ] to serve the people of her district.

MARRIAGE TAX ELIMINATION ACT

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Madam Speaker, let me address the House with a fairly simple question: Do Americans feel that it is fair that our Tax Code imposes a higher tax on married working couples? Do Americans feel it is fair that we tax married couples more than those who live together, with two incomes, outside a marriage? Do Americans feel that it is fair that 21 million average, middle-class married couples pay an average of almost \$1,400 more in taxes than a working couple with identical dual incomes living outside of marriage?

I do not believe so. I believe that the folks back home, those who pay the bills, pay their taxes on time and live by the rules, also believe it is unfair. The marriage tax should be eliminated.

The Marriage Tax Elimination Act, which now enjoys the cosponsorship of 193 Members of this House, both Democrats and Republicans, will eliminate the marriage penalty. My colleagues, I ask for bipartisan support next year and we make it a bipartisan priority to eliminate the marriage tax.

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UNITED STATES SHOULD LEAD THE FIGHT TO RID THE WORLD OF LANDMINES

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, 89 nations agreed in Oslo recently to an international treaty to ban landmines. This achievement is the product of years of hard work by humanitarian groups in the United States and around the globe and honors the legacy of the late Princess Diana. Unfortunately, the administration has decided not to sign the Ottawa treaty.

I fear we have missed an historic opportunity to do the right thing. The

United States should lead the fight to rid the world of landmines.

The President said that total landmine ban was a line he could not cross for the safety of our troops. Their safety is of fundamental importance, but there are alternatives to mines that can protect our soldiers.

A child in Angola does not see the line between farm and minefield and does not know where she can safely cross. Every 22 minutes, an innocent civilian is killed or maimed by a landmine.

Madam Speaker, I urge Members and citizens across the country to call on the President to think of that little girl, do the right thing and sign the Ottawa Treaty in December.

CALLING INVESTIGATION OF VOTER FRAUD A WITCH HUNT OR ATTACK ON HISPANICS IS UTTER NONSENSE

(Ms. PRYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material.)

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, never have we heard or seen a more shameless, despicable display of playing the race card from the bottom of the deck than that we are seeing here today with regard to the disputed Sanchez election.

I have heard investigations into voter fraud described as a witch hunt, an attack on all Hispanic voters, and an unprecedented attack on Hispanics throughout the Nation. I have heard our constitutional duty to ensure fair and honest elections characterized as targeting every Hispanic voter as if they did not have the right to vote.

What utter nonsense. Fair and honest elections are not a Republican issue or a Democratic issue. Is the other side really suggesting that voter fraud should not be investigated? Is the other side really suggesting that non-U.S. citizens should be able to vote?

The other side's reckless, irresponsible, and deliberately inflammatory charges are an insult to this great institution, to the American ideal of fair and honest elections.

WONDERING WHAT IRS WOULD MAKE OF WHITE HOUSE EXCUSES FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWBREAKING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, one wonders what the IRS would make of the excuses the White House makes whenever it comes to campaign finance law breaking. How ironic it is that the same administration that has an IRS out of control, an IRS that targets average citizens for political purposes, especially if they happen to work for the White House Travel Office, or used to,

an IRS that gives one absolutely no benefit of the doubt, is the same administration that actually claims to be cooperating fully with congressional investigators while putting up a stone wall bigger than the Great Wall of China.

Do my colleagues think the IRS would be satisfied with the sudden "I don't recall" syndrome that happens every time a White House official testifies before Congress? Do my colleagues think the IRS would let them slide with the "no controlling legal authority" defense? Do my colleagues think the IRS would cut them some slack if they got caught red handed and then turned around and said, "The system made me do it, and anyway, everybody cheats"?

I wonder.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from New York [Ms. VELÁZQUEZ].

The question was taken.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 132, nays 285, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 465]

YEAS—132

Abercrombie	Dingell	Kilpatrick
Ackerman	Doggett	Kind (WI)
Allen	Engel	LaFalce
Andrews	Eshoo	Largent
Baldacci	Etheridge	Levin
Barrett (WI)	Evans	Lewis (GA)
Becerra	Farr	Lipinski
Berry	Fattah	Lofgren
Bishop	Fazio	Lowey
Blagojevich	Filner	Luther
Blumenauer	Ford	Maloney (CT)
Bonior	Frank (MA)	Maloney (NY)
Borski	Furse	Markey
Boswell	Gejdenson	Martinez
Boyd	Goode	Matsui
Brown (CA)	Gutierrez	McCarthy (NY)
Brown (FL)	Hall (OH)	McDermott
Brown (OH)	Harman	McGovern
Capps	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre
Clayton	Hefner	McNulty
Clyburn	Hilleary	Meehan
Coburn	Hinchey	Meek
Conyers	Hinojosa	Menendez
Coyne	Hoyer	Millender
Cramer	Jackson-Lee	McDonald
Davis (FL)	(TX)	Miller (CA)
Davis (IL)	Jefferson	Mink
DeFazio	Johnson (WI)	Moran (VA)
DeGette	Kanjorski	Murtha
Delahunt	Kaptur	Neal
DeLauro	Kennedy (RI)	Oliver
Deutsch	Kennelly	Ortiz

Owens	Sanders
Pascrell	Sawyer
Payne	Scott
Peterson (MN)	Slaughter
Pomeroy	Smith, Adam
Price (NC)	Snyder
Rangel	Spratt
Reyes	Stabenow
Rivers	Stark
Rodriguez	Stokes
Roybal-Allard	Strickland
Rush	Stupak
Sanchez	Tauscher

NAYS—285

Forbes	McInnis
Fowler	McIntosh
Fox	McKeon
Franks (NJ)	McKinney
Frelinghuysen	Metcalfe
Frost	Mica
Gallegly	Miller (FL)
Ganske	Moakley
Gekas	Mollohan
Gibbons	Moran (KS)
Gilchrest	Morella
Gillmor	Myrick
Gilman	Nadler
Goodlatte	Nethercutt
Goodling	Neumann
Gordon	Ney
Goss	Northup
Graham	Norwood
Granger	Nussle
Green	Oberstar
Greenwood	Oxley
Gutknecht	Packard
Hall (TX)	Pappas
Hamilton	Parker
Hansen	Pastor
Hastert	Paul
Hastings (WA)	Paxon
Hayworth	Pease
Hefley	Peterson (PA)
Herger	Petri
Hill	Pickering
Hilliard	Pickett
Hobson	Pitts
Hoekstra	Pombo
Holden	Porter
Hooley	Portman
Horn	Poshard
Hostettler	Pryce (OH)
Houghton	Quinn
Hulshof	Radanovich
Hunter	Rahall
Hutchinson	Ramstad
Hyde	Redmond
Inglis	Regula
Istook	Riggs
Jackson (IL)	Riley
Jenkins	Roemer
John	Rogan
Johnson (CT)	Rogers
Johnson, E. B.	Rohrabacher
Johnson, Sam	Ros-Lehtinen
Jones	Roukema
Kasich	Royce
Kelly	Ryun
Cox	Sabo
Kildee	Salmon
Kim	Sandlin
King (NY)	Sanford
Kingston	Scarborough
Klecza	Schaefer, Dan
Klug	Schaffer, Bob
Knollenberg	Sensenbrenner
Kolbe	Serrano
Kucinich	Sessions
LaHood	Shadegg
Lantos	Shaw
Latham	Shays
LaTourrette	Sherman
Lazio	Shimkus
Leach	Shuster
Lewis (CA)	Sisisky
Lewis (KY)	Skaggs
Linder	Skeen
LoBiondo	Skelton
Lucas	Smith (MI)
Manton	Smith (NJ)
Manzullo	Smith (OR)
Mascara	Smith (TX)
McCarthy (MO)	Smith, Linda
McCollum	Snowbarger
McCrery	Solomon
McDade	Souder
McHale	Spence
McHugh	Stearns

Thurman	Stenholm
Tierney	Stump
Torres	Sununu
Towns	Talent
Velazquez	Tanner
Vento	Tauzin
Waters	Taylor (MS)
Watts (OK)	Taylor (NC)
Waxman	Thomas
Wexler	Thompson
Woolsey	Thornberry
Wynn	

Thune	Weldon (PA)
Tiahrt	Weller
Trafcant	Weygand
Turner	White
Upton	Whitfield
Visclosky	Wicker
Walsh	Wise
Wamp	Wolf
Watkins	Yates
Watt (NC)	Young (AK)
Weldon (FL)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—16

Dellums	Lampson	Rothman
Flake	Livingston	Saxton
Foglietta	Minge	Schiff
Gephardt	Obey	Schumer
Gonzalez	Pallone	
Klink	Pelosi	

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Messrs. KIM, CUNNINGHAM, NUSSLE, PORTER, DAVIS of Virginia, ROHRABACHER, and Ms. DUNN changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. MCINTYRE, BOYD, PAYNE of New Jersey, ORTIZ, OLIVER, LA-FALCE, and RUSH, and Mrs. LOWEY and Ms. LOFGREN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call vote No. 465, I was unavoidably detained in New Jersey attending funeral services for Florence Rothman. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEY). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 360, nays 56, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 466]

YEAS—360

Ackerman	Bilbray	Callahan
Aderholt	Bilirakis	Calvert
Allen	Bishop	Camp
Andrews	Blagojevich	Campbell
Archer	Bliley	Canady
Bachus	Blumenauer	Cannon
Baessler	Blunt	Capps
Baker	Boehlert	Cardin
Baldacci	Boehner	Carson
Ballenger	Bonilla	Castle
Barcia	Bono	Chabot
Barr	Boswell	Chambliss
Barrett (NE)	Boucher	Chenoweth
Barrett (WI)	Boyd	Christensen
Bartlett	Brady	Clement
Barton	Brown (FL)	Clyburn
Bass	Brown (OH)	Coble
Bateman	Bryant	Collins
Bentsen	Bunning	Combest
Bereuter	Burr	Condit
Berman	Burton	Conyers
Berry	Buyer	Cook